

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

GENERAL ATOMICS, DIAZYME ) CASE NO. 3:05-cv-4074 SI  
LABORATORIES DIVISION, a California )  
corporation, ) [PROPOSED] AMENDED  
Plaintiff, ) STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER  
vs. ) Judge: The Honorable Susan Illston  
AXIS-SHIELD ASA, a Norway corporation, )  
Defendants. )  
AND ALL CROSS-RELATED ACTIONS. )

WHEREAS, General Atomics, Diazyme Laboratories Division (“General Atomics”), Axis-Shield ASA (“Axis-Shield”) and Carolina Liquid Chemistries Corporation (“Carolina”) (General Atomics, Axis-Shield, and Carolina are sometimes collectively referred to as the “Parties” or singly referred to as the “Party”) are involved in the above-captioned patent infringement lawsuit;

WHEREAS, the Parties are engaged in a discovery program that involves divulging highly confidential and proprietary information, including information that can be protected as trade secrets, the use of which is also capable of being protected under common law and federal laws relating to unfair competition, tortious interference with business relations, and federal

1 patent laws (hereinafter “Confidential Information”);

2 WHEREAS, the Confidential Information specifically includes: (i) research and  
3 development information, including, but not limited to, technical specifications for  
4 manufacturing assays that measure homocysteine in blood, urine or serum samples (the  
5 “Assays”); (ii) highly confidential cost and accounting information regarding the manufacture,  
6 marketing, and sale of the Assays; and (iii) highly confidential competitive business planning  
7 information, which if disclosed could be used to competitive advantage by Party and non-party  
8 competitors of the Parties in this lawsuit;

9 WHEREAS, the Parties desire to reach an agreement to restrict disclosure of Confidential  
10 Information to protect such information and to promote the just, speedy, and inexpensive  
11 determination of this case by facilitating discovery; and

12 WHEREAS, Rule 26(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides that a protective  
13 order may be issued by the Court to protect, among other things, trade secrets or other  
14 confidential information, for instance to protect one party from gaining an unfair advantage over  
15 another party through improper use of such confidential information as prohibited by the laws  
16 identified above.

17 1. The Parties and third parties may designate material or information whether  
18 embodied in documents, things, deposition testimony, interrogatory answers, or other materials,  
19 as “Confidential” and/or “Attorneys’ Eyes Only.” The Parties acknowledge that this Order does  
20 not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection  
21 it affords extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled under the applicable  
22 legal principles to treatment as confidential.

23 2. (a) As hereinafter used, the term “Confidential Information” when designated by  
24 any of the Parties or any non-party means material or information not known to the general  
25 public that is produced in this litigation by one Party to another Party or by a non-party that the  
26 producing party deems to be confidential or proprietary, including, but not limited to, patent  
27 information, business information, technical information, financial information, trade secrets,

1 know-how, proprietary data, past and present product descriptions, lab notebooks, or commercial  
2 information, and that is designated as Confidential in the manner described in Paragraph 3, 5, or  
3 14 hereof. Confidential information may not be shared by any Party to these proceedings or its  
4 counsel with any person who is not a “Qualified Person” as identified in Paragraph 6 hereof.

5 (b) As hereinafter used, the term “Attorneys’ Eyes Only Information,” when  
6 designated by any of the Parties or any non-party, means material or information not known to  
7 the general public that is produced in this litigation by one party to another party or by a non-  
8 party that constitutes: (i) financial information regarding the costs and/or pricing of products; (ii)  
9 business information regarding the identity of current or prospective customers; and (iii)  
10 technical and business information regarding patents, present product compositions and methods  
11 of manufacture, future products, future product compositions and methods of manufacture, and  
12 future product plans. Such information may not be shared by any of the outside counsel to these  
13 proceedings with any person who is not a “Qualified Person” as defined in Paragraph 7 hereof.

14 (c) “Confidential Information” and “Attorneys’ Eyes Only Information”  
15 includes all such designated information, whether revealed during a deposition, in a document, in  
16 an interrogatory answer, by production of tangible evidence, in hearing(s) or trial transcripts, in  
17 responses to requests for admissions, or is otherwise made available to counsel for either Party in  
18 this action. The restriction set forth in this Protective Order shall not apply to information and  
19 material which (a) was, is, or becomes public knowledge, in a manner that is not in violation of  
20 this Protective Order; or (b) is acquired from a third party lawfully possessing such information  
21 and/or having no obligation with regard to its disclosure.

22 3. Any document or portion thereof, including any transcripts, exhibits, answers to  
23 interrogatories, responses to requests for admissions, or copies thereof, as well as physical  
24 objects, recordings or things that a producing party believes to contain Confidential Information  
25 shall be so designated by stamping or otherwise applying thereto the designation “Confidential  
26 Subject to Protective Order” or “Confidential,” in which case the designated document or portion  
27 thereof and the information contained therein will be treated in accordance with the terms of this  
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1 Protective Order, except that all documents and things made available for inspection and copying  
2 may be temporarily designated as Confidential Information during a document inspection or  
3 deposition and appropriately marked upon reproduction.

4       4. Any document or portion thereof, including any transcripts, exhibits, answers to  
5 interrogatories, responses to requests for admissions, or copies thereof, as well as physical  
6 objects, recordings or things that a producing party believes to contain Attorneys' Eyes Only  
7 Information shall be so designated by stamping or otherwise applying thereto the designation  
8 "Confidential Attorneys' Eyes Only" or "Attorneys' Eyes Only," in which case the designated  
9 document or portion thereof and the information contained therein will be treated in accordance  
10 with the terms of this Protective Order, except that all documents and things made available for  
11 inspection and copying may be temporarily designated as Attorneys' Eyes Only Information  
12 during a document inspection or deposition and appropriately marked upon reproduction.

13       5. All Confidential Information or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information not reduced to  
14 documentary, tangible, or physical form or that cannot be conveniently designated pursuant to  
15 Paragraphs 3 or 4 shall be designated by the producing party or non-party by informing the  
16 requesting party in writing, and thereafter it shall be the responsibility of the requesting party to  
17 assure that any further disclosure or use of the information is thereafter limited in accordance  
18 with this Order.

19       6. With respect to all Confidential Information, "Qualified Person" shall mean:  
20           (a) The attorneys of record for the Parties in this lawsuit. Unless otherwise  
21 expressly approved through stipulation or order, "attorneys of record"  
22 shall include only the law firms of Morrison & Foerster LLP on behalf of  
23 General Atomics and Carolina, Robert Meads on behalf of Carolina, and  
24 Voss, Cook & Theil LLP and Preston Gates Ellis LLP on behalf of Axis-  
25 Shield ASA;  
26           (b) Technical experts, consultants, or testing technicians (hereinafter  
27 "Experts"), who are not engaged as an officer, director, employee,

1 member, or principal of any of the Parties, such Experts serving the  
2 attorneys of record for the purposes of this case who shall have read this  
3 Protective Order and who shall have signed the statement in Paragraph 11  
4 hereof;

- 5 (c) Third parties specifically retained to assist the attorneys of record or a  
6 Party in translating, copying, or computer coding, but only for purposes of  
7 translating, copying, or computer coding of Confidential Information;  
8 (d) The employees, directors, officers, or principals of the Parties (“in-house  
9 representatives”) to this action, to the extent necessary to further the  
10 interests of the Parties in this litigation. The identity of such in-house  
11 representatives shall be designated in writing and may be modified in  
12 writing to the extent necessary to further the interests of the Parties in this  
13 litigation;  
14 (e) Any paralegal, secretarial, or clerical personnel regularly employed by any  
15 Qualified Person who is working on matters relating to this action;  
16 (f) Persons who appear on the face of designated materials marked  
17 Confidential, Information as an author, addressee, or recipient thereof; and  
18 (g) The Court, if submitted under seal.

19 7. With respect to all Attorneys’ Eyes Only Information, “Qualified Person” shall  
20 mean:

- 21 (a) The attorneys of record identified in Paragraph 6(a) for the Parties in this  
22 lawsuit;  
23 (b) Experts as referred to in Paragraph 6(b) herein;  
24 (c) Third parties specifically retained to assist the attorneys of record or a  
25 Party in translating, copying, or computer coding, but only for purposes of  
26 translating, copying, or computer coding of Confidential Information  
27 and/or Attorneys’ Eyes Only Information;

- (d) Any paralegal, secretarial, or clerical personnel regularly employed by any Qualified Person who is working on matters relating to this action;
  - (e) Persons who appear on the face of designated materials marked Attorneys' Eyes Only Information as an author, addressee, or recipient thereof; and
  - (f) The Court, if submitted under seal.

6        8. All Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be  
7 available only to Qualified Persons, shall be retained by them in strictest confidence and shall not  
8 be disclosed to any other person or used for any purpose other than this litigation without the  
9 prior written consent of the producing party or of the Court with notice given to the producing  
10 party along with an opportunity to reply, nor used for any purposes other than in this litigation.  
11 All produced Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be carefully  
12 maintained so as to preclude access by the officers, employees, and agents of any party or non-  
13 party other than those designated under Paragraphs 6 and 7 hereof.

14        9. Other than to assist counsel in the preparation associated with this case, all  
15 Qualified Persons shall conform strictly with any applicable federal law and laws of the State of  
16 California related to the confidentiality of Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only  
17 Information. No such information shall be used for any purpose other than preparation of this  
18 litigation and shall be governed by the terms of this Protective Order.

19        10. Before Confidential Information or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information is disclosed  
20 to any Qualified Person under Paragraph 6(b) or Paragraph 7(b), the Party intending to disclose  
21 that information shall notify the designating party in writing of the identity, education, and  
22 employment history of the prospective recipient. No Confidential Information or Attorneys'  
23 Eyes Only Information shall be shown or in any way disclosed to the person so identified until  
24 expiration of a ten (10) day period in which the designating party may object to the disclosure.  
25 No disclosure shall be made while the designating party objects to the disclosure or until the  
26 Court orders otherwise. The Party intending to disclose information to a Qualified Person may  
27 move the Court for an order granting access if the designating party objects to the disclosure.

1 The Party opposing disclosure shall have five (5) days from service of such motion to file a  
2 reply. The Court shall then make a determination without further briefing, submission, or  
3 hearing unless expressly requested by the Court.

4       11. Each such Qualified Person under Paragraph 6(b) or Paragraph 7(b) to whom  
5 Confidential Information and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information is to be disclosed, shall be  
6 given a copy of this Protective Order and its provisions shall be explained to them by an  
7 attorney. Each such person shall, in a written instrument delivered to the opposing attorney prior  
8 to such disclosure, agree and acknowledge that he or she is fully familiar with the terms of this  
9 Protective Order or any amended or further order as the Court may enter in furtherance of this  
10 Protective Order and agrees to comply with and be bound by such Protective Order, and by any  
11 further order of the Court. Such written assurance shall be in the following form:

## WRITTEN ASSURANCE

13 || \_\_\_\_\_, states:

14 I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_  
15 \_\_\_\_\_, state of \_\_\_\_\_;

16 I have read the Protective Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ and am acting on behalf of  
17 \_\_\_\_\_ in the preparation and conduct of, Civil Action No. 3:05-cv-  
18 04074 SI (United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco  
19 Division).

20 I am fully familiar with, understand and agree to comply with and be bound by the  
21 provisions of this Protective Order and by the jurisdiction of this Court with respect to issues  
22 arising under this Protective Order; and

23 I will not divulge any designated Confidential Information, Attorneys' Eyes Only  
24 Information or material obtained pursuant to said Protective Order, and will not copy or use such  
25 information or material except solely for the purposes of my involvement in this Civil Action.  
26 However, it is understood that the restrictions set forth in the above Protective Order shall not  
27 apply to information and material which (a) was, is, or becomes public knowledge, not in

1 violation of this Protective Order; or (b) is lawfully acquired from a third party lawfully  
2 possessing such information and/or having no confidentiality obligation with regard to its  
3 disclosure or use.

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5 DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

6 [Signature]

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8 12. In the event the attorney of record for a Party desires that a particular protected  
9 document be disclosed to anyone other than a Qualified Person, the Parties, through their  
10 attorneys of record, shall meet and attempt to resolve the matter. If no agreement can be  
11 reached, the matter shall be referred to the Court for disposition. If an agreement is reached, or  
12 the Court decides that the document shall be disclosed, the person to whom disclosure is to be  
13 made shall give the "Written Assurance" set forth in Paragraph 11. Unless a prompt challenge to  
14 a Designating Party's confidentiality designation is necessary to avoid foreseeable substantial  
15 unfairness, unnecessary economic burdens, or a later significant disruption or delay of the  
16 litigation, a party does not waive its right to challenge a confidentiality designation by electing  
17 not to mount a challenge promptly after the original designation is disclosed.

18 13. Each party or non-Party that designates information or items for protection under  
19 this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under  
20 the appropriate standards. If it comes to a Party's or non-Party's attention that information or  
21 items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection at all, or do not qualify for the  
22 level of protection initially asserted, that Party or non-Party must promptly notify all other  
23 parties that it is withdrawing the mistaken designation, and of the correct designation.

24 14. Without written permission from the Designating Party or pursuant to the  
25 procedures identified in Civil Local Rule 79-5 and/or the Court's then current standing order for  
26 the filing of materials under seal, a Party may not file in the public record in this action any  
27 Protected Material. All documents of any nature that are filed with the Court for any purpose

1 and that contain Confidential Information and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be filed  
2 in sealed envelopes or other sealed containers that are marked with the caption of the action, that  
3 identify each document and thing there within, and that bear a statement substantially in the  
4 following form:

5 **CONFIDENTIAL – DOCUMENT SUBMITTED UNDER SEAL**

6 "This envelope contains confidential information of \_\_\_\_\_  
7 (name of party or non-party) and subject to Court order is not to be  
8 opened nor the contents thereof displayed, revealed, or used except  
by order of the Court upon notice to the entity identified above, or  
by agreement of the entity identified above."

9 15. Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information may be used in  
10 the course of any deposition of current employees or agents of the Party or non-party designating  
11 such Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information or with any witness who  
12 appears on the face of a document to have been a recipient of the Confidential or Attorneys'  
13 Eyes Only Information. Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information may  
14 also be used in any other deposition with the consent of the Party or non-party producing such  
15 Confidential Information and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information. Such consent shall  
16 constitute no waiver of the confidential designation of the information so used.

17 16. Aside from deponents, professional translators, and stenographic reporters serving  
18 the attorneys of record, only Qualified Persons will be allowed to attend confidential portions of  
19 depositions and then only as to portions of the deposition involving confidential information they  
20 are otherwise entitled to receive under the terms of this Order.

21 17. When a Party wishes to designate as Confidential Information or Attorneys' Eyes  
22 Only Information materials produced by someone other than the designating party, including a  
23 Party or non-party, such designation shall be made:

24 17.(a) Within 25 days from the date that the designating party receives copies of  
25 the materials from the producing or disclosing party or non-party; and

26 17.(b) By notice to all Parties to this action, and to the non-party if applicable,  
27 producing the documents, identifying the materials to be designated with particularity (either by

1 production number or by providing other adequate identification of the specific material). Such  
2 notice shall be sent by facsimile and regular mail;

3                   17.(c) Upon notice of designation, all persons receiving notice of the requested  
4 designation of materials shall:

5                   17.(c)1. Make no further disclosure of such designated materials or information  
6 contained therein, except as allowed in this Stipulated Protective Order;

7                   17.(c)2. Take reasonable steps to notify any persons known to have possession of  
8 or access to such designated materials of the effect of such designation under this Stipulated  
9 Protective Order; and

10                  17.(d)3. Take reasonable steps to reclaim or prevent access to such designated  
11 material or information in the possession or control of any person not permitted to have access  
12 under the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order.

13                  18. Depositions or portions thereof that contain Confidential Information and/or  
14 Attorneys' Eyes Only Information shall be separately bound in a confidential volume, marked  
15 "Confidential" and/or "Attorneys' Eyes Only" in accordance with Paragraphs 3 and/or 4  
16 hereinabove, and shall, if required, be separately filed as provided in Paragraph 14 above so as to  
17 distinguish such Confidential and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only deposition or Confidential and/or  
18 Attorneys' Eyes Only portions thereof from non-confidential, public depositions or public  
19 portions thereof. Confidential depositions or confidential portions thereof shall be fully subject  
20 to the relevant provisions of this Protective Order. At any deposition session, when counsel for a  
21 Party deems that a question and/or the answer to a question will result in the disclosure of  
22 Confidential Information and/or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information, counsel may designate as  
23 "Confidential" or "Attorneys' Eyes Only" the portion of the transcript containing such question  
24 or answer. Where appropriate in light of the amount of Confidential Information and Attorneys'  
25 Eyes Only Information likely to be disclosed at a given deposition, outside counsel for the  
26 Parties may agree that the entire transcript shall be designated Confidential and/or Attorneys'  
27 Eyes Only subject to review of the transcript and withdrawal of any unnecessary Confidential or

1 Attorneys' Eyes Only designation or modification between designations of Confidential and  
2 Attorneys' Eyes Only within 30 days of receipt of the transcript.

3 19. All complete or partial copies of Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes  
4 Only Information shall also be deemed subject to the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order.

5 20. Nothing in this Stipulated Protective Order shall prevent or otherwise restrict  
6 counsel from rendering advice to their clients and, in the course of rendering such advice, relying  
7 upon the examination of designated material. In rendering such advice and otherwise  
8 communicating with the client, however, counsel shall not make specific disclosure of any  
9 designated material, except as permitted by this Stipulated Protective Order.

10 21. Nothing in this Protective Order constitutes a finding that any of the information  
11 disclosed or contained in the designated document and things is or is not confidential or  
12 proprietary, and nothing herein shall prevent the Parties from contending, during the progress of  
13 this lawsuit, and upon notice to opposing counsel, that any or all of such information is not  
14 confidential or proprietary, or that such information was not publicly or commercially used.  
15 Grounds for such contention may include without limitation that such information is or was  
16 publicly known at or prior to disclosure thereof in this action, that such information, after  
17 disclosure thereof, has become public knowledge as a result of lawful publication by an  
18 independent source who obtained the information lawfully, that such information was previously  
19 known by the receiving party or that such information was later obtained in good faith by the  
20 receiving party from an independent source who obtained the information lawfully.

21 22. This Protective Order shall be without prejudice to the right of the Parties to  
22 oppose production of any information for lack of timeliness or relevance or materiality, or as a  
23 privileged communication, or as work product of counsel, as irrelevant, or as not calculated to  
24 lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, or upon any other ground.

25 23. Neither the provisions of this Stipulated Protective Order, the designation of any  
26 material as Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only, nor the filing of any material under seal, shall  
27 prevent the use in open court, at any hearing, or at trial of this case of any material that is subject

1 to this Stipulated Protective Order or filed under seal pursuant to its provisions. Prior to trial, the  
 2 Parties shall meet and confer after the pretrial conference concerning appropriate methods for  
 3 dealing with designated material at trial.

4       24. On final determination of this action, each Party or other person subject to the  
 5 terms hereof shall destroy or assemble and return to the producing party all originally produced  
 6 materials, documents and things constituting Confidential Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only  
 7 Information and all copies thereof, and shall collect and destroy all summaries, and abstracts  
 8 thereof and all other materials, memoranda or documents constituting or containing Confidential  
 9 Information and Attorneys' Eyes Only Information; providing, however, counsel of record may  
 10 retain one copy of any such item, which shall remain subject to this Protective Order. Further,  
 11 upon final determination of this action, experts or consultants may retain one copy of any expert  
 12 report or statement they have prepared. Within thirty (30) days of the final determination of this  
 13 action, each Party shall notify the producing party in writing that all such materials, documents,  
 14 and things have either been destroyed or returned to the producing party.

15       25. If any Party objects to a designation of Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only, that  
 16 Party may request the designating party to rescind the designation (or portion thereof). If the  
 17 Parties do not agree to rescind the designation then, in response to a written request particularly  
 18 identifying specific documents, the producing party shall identify portions of the specified  
 19 documents that are considered to reflect "Confidential Information" or "Attorneys' Eyes Only  
 20 Information;" the Party that desires that the particular documents be disclosed to someone other  
 21 than a Qualified Person may then redact the identified portions and produce the redacted  
 22 document to someone other than a Qualified Person. If the request to rescind is denied and the  
 23 Parties are unable to agree on the identification of Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only  
 24 portions, the Party seeking to make the disclosure may move the Court for an order declaring  
 25 that the information is not Confidential Information or Attorneys' Eyes Only Information  
 26 protected by this Protective Order. The burden of proof shall be with the Party seeking to  
 27 maintain a confidentiality designation over disputed information. Any information designated as  
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1 Confidential or Attorneys' Eyes Only shall be treated as such until order of the Court to the  
2 contrary.

3       26. Any Party for good cause may apply to the Court for a modification of this  
4 Protective Order.

5       27. In the event any Party or third party mistakenly discloses material or information  
6 that is privileged (*i.e.*, subject to the attorney-client privilege, joint-defense privilege, or the  
7 attorney work product immunity), whether embodied in documents, things, deposition testimony,  
8 interrogatory answers, or other materials, the inadvertently disclosed material or information  
9 shall be promptly returned to the disclosing party upon written request. In the event that there is  
10 a dispute as to whether certain information or material is privileged, the Party seeking to have the  
11 material returned may move for an order declaring that the information or material is privileged,  
12 without regard to its inadvertent disclosure. In the event the Court determines the information or  
13 material is privileged, then the Party or Parties in possession of the privileged information or  
14 material shall return the information or material to the disclosing party as soon as practicable.

15       28. In the event any Party or third party inadvertently discloses material or  
16 information without a designation that was intended to be designated as Confidential or  
17 Attorneys' Eyes Only, whether embodied in documents, things, deposition testimony,  
18 interrogatory answers, or other materials, the inadvertently disclosed material or information  
19 shall be promptly returned to the disclosing party upon written request made promptly after the  
20 error is discovered. The disclosing party will then have fifteen (15) days to provide properly  
21 designated versions of the disclosed material or information. If a recipient of the inadvertently  
22 disclosed material or information has provided a copy of the material or information to someone  
23 other than a Qualified Person as defined herein, such a recipient shall verify that all such  
24 provided copies are returned or destroyed within seven (7) days of the written request and that  
25 the non-Qualified Person has not retained a copy of the material or information in any tangible  
26 form.

27       29. All Parties reserve the right to seek modification of this Stipulated Protective  
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1 Order at any time for good cause. The Parties agree to meet and confer prior to seeking to  
2 modify this Stipulated Protective Order for any reason. The restrictions imposed by this  
3 Stipulated Protective Order may only be modified or terminated by written stipulation of all  
4 Parties and/or order of the Court.

5       30. The Court retains jurisdiction to make such amendments, modifications, and  
6 additions to this Stipulated Protective Order as it may from time to time deem appropriate.

8 | READ AND APPROVED:

9 || Morrison & Foerster LLP

11 By: /s/ Anders T. Aannestad Dated: March 2, 2006  
12 Anders T. Aannestad  
13 Attorneys for General Atomics,  
Diazyme Laboratories  
Division and Carolina Liquid  
Chemistries Corporation

15 | Voss, Cook & Thel LLP

17 By: /s/ Paul C. Nyquist Dated: March 2, 2006  
18 Paul C. Nyquist  
Attorneys for Axis-Shield ASA

## ORDER

21 SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

Susan Illston, 2006.

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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## **General Order 45 Attestation**

I, Anders T. Aannestad, am the ECF User whose ID and password are being used to file this Joint Case Management Conference Statement. In compliance with General Order 45, X.B., I hereby attest that Paul C. Nyquist has concurred in this filing.

/s/ Anders T. Aannestad  
Anders T. Aannestad